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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re New U.S. application of:

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For: BAG SPLITTER AND WET SEPARATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 6-7, 9 and 14-16 with the following amended claims.

6(Amended). An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the rotatable flail structure is adapted to rotate at at least  $11 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  when the device is in use.

7(Amended). An apparatus according to wherein the waste feed guide structure comprises a feed chute having a top chute portion and a bottom chute portion, the bottom chute portion being attached to the top chute portion at a hinged joint to allow independent movement of the bottom chute portion relative to the top chute portion about the hinged joint, wherein the bottom chute portion is operable to direct bagged